

CHESTNUTHILL TOWNSHIP SUPERVISORS
ROUTE 715, BRODHEADSVILLE, PA 18322
MINUTES OF MEETING – JUNE 7, 2005

A regular meeting of the Chestnuthill Township Board of Supervisors was called to order at 7:00 p.m. on Tuesday, June 7, 2005, at the Municipal Building, Rte 715, Brodheads-ville, Pa. Those present were Chuck Gould (Chairman), Maureen Tatu (Vice-Chairman) Leigh Kane (Supervisor) and Atty. Joseph P. McDonald, Jr.

The **Pledge of Allegiance** to the Flag was Jim Manello.

Executive Session. None.

Unit Care Agreement. None.

Public Comment. None.

Minutes. On motion made by Leigh, seconded by Chuck it was voted to approve the minutes of the May 3 meeting, as distributed. (2-0) Note: vote was 2-0 because Maureen was a few minutes late. On motion made by Maureen, seconded by Leigh it was voted to approve the minutes of the May 16 meeting, as distributed. (2-0) Note: Chuck abstained as he was absent for this meeting.

Correspondence.

Monroe County Control Center. A copy of their agenda is available for all to read.

WE Fire Company. A monthly incident report for all to read.

Donation request. We have three separate donation requests.

Camp Cadet Troop "N". This camp is law enforcement oriented. They are asking the Board to donate as in the past. On motion made by Leigh, seconded by Maureen it was voted to donate \$200.00 to the camp. (3-0)

Monroe County Historical Association. This organization promotes and preserves history to residents and visitors. On motion made by Maureen, seconded by Leigh it was voted to donate \$250.00. (3-0)

WE Relay for Life-Tyler's Angels. They raise money for the relay to give to the American Cancer Society who uses it for patient services and to give money for research to get rid of stupid cancer. Tyler was on his Mom's team last year and helped raise \$2000.00. On motion made by Leigh, seconded by Maureen it was voted to donate \$100.00. (3-0)

Thank You. The Board would like to thank Pocono Geo Cashers group who help clean up the Romascavage property as part of the PA Clean ways. The Board would like to also thank the PIC committee and the 30 volunteers that attended. It was a great success.

Park Grant. Leigh would like to apply for a park grant as part of the PA partners in the Arts and on behalf of art in the park. On motion made by Leigh, seconded by Maureen it was voted to have Leigh apply for the grant. (3-0)

YMCA. The Y is holding a 5K race. Jim Mannello was present and had sent a letter asking to close the roads (Fairgrounds, Legion, and County Park) for approximately an hour. He originally asked Penn-Dot; however, they said the Township would have to request this road closure and the Township would have to be responsible for any insurance issues. Upon further research, the Board felt the roads can remain open since there will be road monitors to insure the runners safety.

Roadmaster.

Joe Weston asked the Board's approval to advertise the road paving bids. On motion made by Maureen, seconded by Leigh it was voted to authorize the advertising. (3-0)

Planning Director.

Aluminum Can Bid. Planning Director David Albright opened the only bid for the aluminum cans. The bid was from Brenner Recycling. They will pay 50 cents per pound for clean aluminum cans. Payment shall be made within 30 days of collection. On motion made by Maureen, seconded by Leigh it was voted to accept this bid. (3-0)

Old Business.

Burn Ban. A burn ban has been in effect for several weeks now. The conditions are good for taking the burn ban off as per the Fire Department. A brief discussion ensued on the opinions of the residents as to whether or not lift the burn ban. Supervisor Maureen Tatu is opposed to lifting the burn ban. Resident Mike Vianello said the ban should be lifted. Resident Paul Smith said he recycles everything and is in favor of lifting the burn ban. Resident Al Bourke would like the burn ban left on. Supervisor Leigh Kane said the ordinance does not prohibit burning. On motion made by Leigh, seconded by Chuck it was voted to lift the burn ban. (2-1) Maureen was opposed.

New Business.

WE Fire Company. The Fire Company is asking the Board for their blessing in purchasing two new fire trucks. They currently have no aerial device; they need a 75' ladder truck and a pumper fire truck. This will double the capacity of water and be a benefit to the Township. The amount to be financed will be \$1,200,000.00. On motion made by Maureen, seconded by Leigh it was voted to approve the Fire Company purchase of these two new vehicles. (3-0)

Pension Ordinance. The Board needs to authorize Atty. McDonald to advertise the pension ordinance. Once the ordinance is adopted, the Township can ask the state for the maximum amount allowed per employee for their pension plan. On motion made by Maureen, seconded by Leigh it was voted to authorize Atty. McDonald to advertise the updated ordinance and to hold the hearing on July 5th at 6:30 p.m. with the regularly scheduled Supervisor's meeting to immediately follow the closing of the pension ordinance hearing. (3-0)

Teen Dance Security. Authorization to pay the security personnel after each teen dance was requested by the park committee. On motion made by Leigh, seconded by Maureen it was voted to authorize Cathy Baker to issue checks to the security personnel after each dance held on 6/18, 7/16, and 8/20.

Union Contract. This is a new union contract that will be for five years. On motion made by Leigh, seconded by Maureen it was voted to accept and sign this contract after signatures by the union. (3-0)

Anewalt Property. This property is located on Rte 715 next to the Bed and Breakfast. The Township would purchase the 24 acres and the Township would keep 12 acres and a relative of the Anewalt's would purchase the other 12 acres. This is the first public/private venture. This would become a parking trail and trail easement to the Smith and Church properties. The purchase price is \$225,000.00, the Township's portion for ½ the property is \$74,000.00 also included would be a deed restriction for 1 home to be built. On motion made by Maureen, seconded by Leigh it was voted to exercise the option to buy subject to the right of assignment as set forth in the agreement of sale with the closing on or before August 15th. (3-0)

Air Conditioning Unit Purchase. The a/c has died in the front offices. The price for a new unit including installation is \$3195.00. On motion made by Maureen, seconded by Leigh it was voted to approve this request for a new unit. (3-0)

Bills. On motion made by Maureen, seconded by Leigh it was voted to pay the General Fund Bills. (3-0) On motion made by Leigh, seconded by Maureen it was voted to pay the Capitol Project Bills. (3-0)

Plans – Planning Director.

Audette, John (Land Development Plan) Effort Associates. No one was present on behalf of this plan. On motion made by Maureen, seconded by Leigh it was voted to table this plan. (3-0)

Calderone, Joseph (Minor Subdivision) Lawrence Bailey, P.E. In for final approval. On motion made by Leigh, seconded by Maureen it was voted to conditionally approve the plan subject to the park and recreation fee being received by the July 5th Supervisors meeting. (3-0)

Emerson Chase Subdivision (Preliminary Major Subdivision) Boucher & James. In for preliminary approval. Doug Holmstead was present on behalf of this plan. Several issues were discussed as well as information for the Board.

1. Emerson Chase submitted information for the planning module, the states allow 10 working days for a review; the Township then has 60 days to review.
2. Waivers granted were mature trees and the length of loop roads.

Planning Director David Albright said there are still outstanding issues.

1. Outstanding common open space; method of ownership and maintenance
2. Ownership of the roads
3. Trails.

Supervisor Gould said there is a primary issue of what open space will be offered to the Township for dedication.

Mr. Hopkins of LTS asked for a work session to discuss all of the elements involved. On motion made by Leigh, seconded by Maureen it was voted to hold a work session on June 20th at 8:00a.m. and to table the plan for tonight. (3-0)

Paradise Estates (Preliminary Conservation Subdivision) Niclaus Engineering. In for discussion with the Board of Supervisors. This property is adjacent to Valley View Acres that was built in 1976. This is an 8 lot conservation subdivision with contours and land ownership issues. Engineer McDermott said they can't meet the standards of code. There are private road issues (Sec 104.A.3 &5), it doesn't meet current standard of slope. A lengthy discussion ensued. It was concluded that several issues still exist; no action has been taken or requested at this time.

Pocono Community Bank (Land Development Plan) RKR Hess. In for final approval. Nate Oiler of RKR Hess was present as well as John Gerlach of Pocono Community Bank. Lot Line Adjustment. Everything on this issue was ok. On motion made by Maureen, seconded by Leigh it was voted to approve this with a recording receipt for a deed of joiner being received, after recording is complete. (3-0) Land Development Plan. A contribution of \$5,000.00 was offered to the Township to put into a traffic fund in lieu of a traffic study, to use for a project close to their site. The outstanding engineering fees were \$1316.75 and the park and recreation fee is \$675.00. On motion made by Leigh, seconded by Maureen it was voted to conditionally approve this plan subject to the Developers agreement and security being approved and received, engineering review fees and park and recreation fee being paid, and a highway occupancy permit being required prior to a certificate of occupancy. (3-0)

Effort Mini Storage Phase II (Preliminary & Final Land Development) Niclaus Engineering. In for final approval. This plan still needs a developer's agreement and security in the amount deemed appropriate by the Engineer. On motion made by Leigh, seconded by Maureen it was voted to table this plan until the July 5th Supervisors meeting. (3-0)

Moretz, George (Subdivision & Annexation) Robert Beers, PAL'S. In for final approval. On motion made by Chuck, seconded by Maureen it was voted to conditionally approve this plan subject to Engineer McDermott's and Planning Director Albright's review of the file to insure that all conditions have been met. (3-0) A recording receipt for a deed of joiner must be received, after recording is complete.

Atty. McDonald. William Stavey complaint, resides on Frable and Jean Drive. A brief discussion ensued; on motion made by Chuck, seconded by Leigh it was voted to have Engineer McDermott look at this issue, if there is no road deterioration what alternative action can be taken to alleviate the run off on the east side of Frable Road near and/or adjacent to Mr. Stavey's property. (3-0)

Adjournment. There being no further business, on motion made by Chuck, seconded by Maureen it was voted to adjourn at 10:30 p.m. (3-0)

Respectfully submitted,

Cathy A. Baker
Recording Secretary